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JAIL CORRUPT POLITICIANS

THE REVELATION that Ben Dunne paid Charlie Haughey, £1.1 million pounds shows the corruption at the heart of Irish politics.

Ben Dunne paid his workers poverty wages but is willing to hand Haughey more money than 10 Dunnes workers would earn in their lifetimes.

Ben Dunne did not give away that kind of money without getting something in return.

For a start the company has been allowed declare itself as a trust so as to avoid paying their fare share of tax on their massive profits.

If they were taxed like other companies they would have to pay £125million in back taxes.

Now we also know how the Haughey family became one of the richest in this country with a mansion worth £3 million, an island of the coast of Kerry and a 60 ft. yacht worth £250,000 each.

He took money from the likes of Dunne while telling workers to tighten their belts and accept wage restraint. Haughey was the biggest recipient of Dunnes backhanders but not the only one.

Sean Haughey got £10,000 to run his election campaign in Dublin North Central. Michael Lowry had his £208,000 extension paid for by Dunne. At the time the scandal broke Dunnes were lobbying for a measure that would further cut their taxes by £80 million.

Haughey Lowry and Dunne are part of a Golden Circle in Irish society running the country through double dealing and back handers. The Dunnes scandal is the tip of the iceberg. It only came out because the Dunnes family fell out over the spoils of their ill gotten gains.

Companies like the AIB are paying huge donations to all the political parties. This makes a joke of democracy. No wonder tax amnesties for the rich get past while working class people get threatened with jail for not paying their water charges.

When a politician uses an elected position to advance the interests of a wealthy backer they should be jailed. Labour and Democratic Left promised that they would break the Golden Circle in government but instead they have joined it.

The Socialist Workers Party are organising a protest picket outside the Dáil at 6.30pm on Wednesday April 23rd. to demand that politicians found guilty of corruption should be jailed.

We urge people to join the picket. The SWP are also trying to build a real political alternative for working class people.

If you want to see this, JOIN US.

PROTEST PICKET
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